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Subject: RE: Workshop next Wednesday

Thanks Aron.

I forwarded on your prior e-mail to Lindsay and am copying her here.

Your question is interesting and it's been one of the things discussed on the states/EPA bi-weekly calls on variances. Debra has been participating in those. My perception of the talk on the calls has been thinking of different ways of measuring progress under the PMP alternative. Monitoring, periodic evaluations of technology, supporting similar efforts elsewhere, etc. But I haven't heard anything firm from EPA on whether those approaches are acceptable – mostly brainstorming by the entire group. I missed the last call so maybe there was something definitive stated there. Lindsay and EPA HQ would be the people to answer this question, and I'd like to get that info too.

And yes I'd like the info on the mercury variance webinars. Interested to see how that project is going.

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Sounds great. I'm happy to talk more about factor 3 and can chime in, as I am able, on other aspects of the variance.

If you are in contact with Lindsay, there's a lingering question as we start moving forward that I wouldn't mind hearing about, which is, what happens if a discharger has a variance and isn't able to show progress toward meeting the standard over the course of the variance.

Also, FYI, we're having some small group stakeholder meetings for the Willamette Mercury variance that are available by Webinar – they are scheduled for August 21 (regulated community) and August 27 (environmental/fishing groups) from 1:30-3:30. If you'd like to listen in to one or both, let me know and I can forward you the information.

Take care,

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Thanks Aron. That's great.

We will be talking for a couple of hours on the WQS issues. Lindsay will be talking about what's happening on the national front, as well as the 7 demonstration factors, near the end of the variance piece. I'm thinking that might be the time to ask you to describe OR work on this, especially since you are looking at factor 3, and I think we will have stakeholders in the room very interested in that factor. I'll let her know. Also, as we progress through the presentation feel free to add comments and information. I definitely like to have presentations that have lots of dialogue and discussion intermingled with periods of being a talking head.

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Hi Cheryl,

James forwarded me information about your variance workshop. I plan on attending the webinar and can speak about Oregon's current variance efforts.

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Hi Aron,

In case you haven't gotten this- WA Ecology and EPA R10 are doing a webinar on variances.

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Hi James. Looks like Debra is out of the office – so sending this to you. Cheryl

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